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**SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG
BREMER KIDNAPPING**

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March 1, 1935.

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Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St. N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

There are enclosed herewith to you copies of petition and order entered in United States District Court, Chicago, Illinois, docket number 43560, and docket number 43562, whereby Ford V 8 coupe, found abandoned, was transferred to the possession of the Bureau, and as to the second order, whereby Buick sedan found abandoned was transferred to the Bureau, these two automobiles now being in the possession of the Chicago Bureau office.

Through attorney Leo Klein, copy of whose letter is enclosed herewith to you, CLARA GIBSON, wife of Russell C. Gibson alias Slim Gray has made claim to have these two automobiles turned over to her as her property, and in this connection there is enclosed herewith a photostatic copy of affidavit submitted by Clara Gibson, making claim to these two automobiles. There are also enclosed photostatic copies of the bill of sale whereby the Ford automobile was purchased by IRENE ROGERS, and the Buick sedan was purchased by ESTELLE GRAY, together with affidavit submitted by Arthur Newquist, owner of the Vrba Motor Company, 5100 West 25th Street, Cicero, Illinois, stating that he is acquainted with Clara Gibson, widow of Russell Gibson, and that on April 19, 1934, at his place of business, Clara Gibson under the name of Irene Rogers had purchased, new, the Ford automobile described as model 40 Deluxe coupe, painted black, bearing motor number 775269, and further stating that Clara Gibson is the same person who purchased this automobile under the name of Irene Rogers. Further there is enclosed photostatic copy of affidavit submitted by Edward A. Reynolds, salesman for the North Shore Buick-Pontiac Co. Inc. 1030 Davis Street, Evanston, Illinois, indicating that he is acquainted with Clara Gibson, widow of Russell Gibson, and that on January 6, 1932, as salesman for said company, he sold to Clara Gibson, under the name of Estelle Gray, one Buick automobile described as model 32-91, five passenger sedan, six wire wheels, bearing serial number 2627133, and motor number 2778426, and that said Clara Gibson is one and the same person as the person who purchased this automobile under the name of Estelle Gray.

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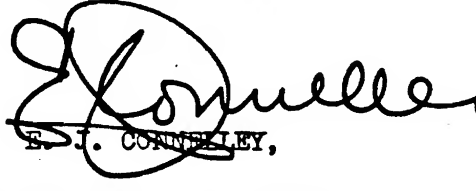
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The above detailed information is furnished to the Bureau for advice as to what action if any will be considered as to the possible return of these two automobiles to CLARA GIBSON, that is, provided the information and data submitted by her is correct, and verified upon suitable inquiry and investigation, will any initiative action be taken by the Bureau through the United States Attorney to restore these two cars to Clara Gibson, or will it be necessary for her, through her attorney, to take action through the court to possibly have these restored to her upon petition.

In this connection it might be stated that Clara Gibson has been very cooperative with the Chicago Bureau office since her husband was apprehended on January 8, and in fact identified to us the party WHITEY, who later proved to be BRUNO AUSTIN, and who is now held on a robbery charge at Chicago with a detainer against him for removal to St. Paul in connection with the Bremer kidnaping case.

Very truly yours,



E. J. CONNELLEY,

Special Agent in Charge.
(Special Assignment)

EJC:JMS

Enclosures

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS,
EASTERN DIVISION.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)

vs.)

D. C. No.)

ONE BUICK SEDAN,
MOTOR NO. 2778426,
SERIAL NO. 2627133.)

PETITION

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS,
EASTERN DIVISION THEREOF:

Your petitioner, DWIGHT H. GREEN, United States Attorney
for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division thereof,
respectfully represents to this Honorable Court that on, to wit,

the 5th day of May, A. D. 1934, J. P. McLaughlin, D. P. Sullivan
and L. D. Nichols, Special Agents, Division of Investigation, United
States Department of Justice, in the division and district aforesaid,
did find and take possession of, and now have in their possession,
one Buick Sedan, Motor No. 2778426, Serial No. 2627133.

Your petitioner further represents that the said Buick
Sedan was abandoned by one Roy Gray, alias Slim Gray, alias R. Gray
Evans, who has also been identified as Russell Gibson, then a fugi-
tive from justice, and that the said motor vehicle was used by the
said Roy Gray, alias Slim Gray, alias R. Gray Evans, who has also
been identified as Russell Gibson, in furtherance of his plan and

scheme to evade capture by the Special Agents, Division of Investigation of the United States Department of Justice, and to aid and abet him in fleeing from justice, and that on or about the 5th day of May, A. D. 1934, said automobile aforesaid, was abandoned at Chicago, Illinois.

Your petitioner further represents that the said Special Agents investigated and caused to be investigated the title of the said automobile, and that from investigation made by themselves and other members of the said Department of Justice, it was found that the said automobile was purchased in Chicago, Illinois, by a person or persons unknown, to aid and abet the said Roy Gray, alias Slim Gray, alias R. Gray Evans, who has also been identified as Russell Gibson, who was at that time a fugitive from justice, in his plan and scheme to evade arrest by the Special Agents of the Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, and to aid and abet him in fleeing from justice.

Your petitioner further states that the said automobile has been in the possession of the said United States Department of Justice since the 5th day of May, A. D. 1934, and that the storage charges on said automobile are increasing daily.

WHEREFORE, your petitioner prays that an order be entered declaring the said Buick automobile aforesaid to be owned by the United States of America as against all persons excepting the true owner thereof, and that the said automobile be retained by and delivered to the Division of Investigation of the United States Department of Justice to be used by the said Division of Investigation of the United States Department of Justice in the regular course of its business.

United States Attorney.

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS,)
) ss.
EASTERN DIVISION.)

J. T. McLAUGHLIN, being first duly sworn, on oath

deposes and says, that he has read the above and foregoing

petition, knows the contents thereof and that the same is true

to his own knowledge, excepting as matters therein said to be

on information and belief, and as to those matters he believes

to be true.

Subscribed and sworn to before

me this 10th day of May, A. D. 1934.

NOTARY PUBLIC.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS,
EASTERN DIVISION.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)

vs.)

D. C. No.)

ONE BUICK SEDAN,
MOTOR NO. 2778426,
SERIAL NO. 2627133.)

ORDER

Upon reading the petition of DWIGHT M. GREEN, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division thereof, and it appearing to the Court that the true owner of the said Buick Sedan referred to in the said petition is a person unknown and probably a person aiding and abetting one Harry Gray, alias Slim Gray, alias H. Gray Evans, who has also been identified as Russell Gibson, a fugitive from justice, in evading arrest;

It is therefore ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the said Buick Sedan, Motor No. 2778426, Serial No. 2627133, be, and the same hereby is declared to be owned by the United States of America as against all person excepting the true owner thereof, and

It is further ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the said Buick Sedan aforesaid, be, and the same hereby is ordered to be delivered to and retained by the Division of Investigation of the United States Department of Justice, to be used by the said Division of investigation of the United States Department of Justice in the regular course of business.

ENTER

United States District Judge.

Dated at Chicago, Illinois,

this day of A. D. 1934.

STATE OF ILLINOIS)

) SS

COUNTY OF COOK)

ARTHUR NEWQUIST, being first duly sworn on his oath, states that he is the owner of VRBA MOTOR COMPANY, dealer in Ford automobiles, located at 5100-06 West 25th Street, Cicero, Illinois; that he is acquainted with one CLARA GIBSON, the widow of RUSSELL GIBSON, alias SLIM GRAY; that on April 19, 1934 at affiant's place of business, said CLARA GIBSON, under the name of IRENE ROGERS purchased from affiant one new Ford automobile described as Model 40 Deluxe Coupe, painted black, bearing motor No. 775269 for the sum of Six Hundred Eighty-Four Dollars (\$684.00); that in payment thereof said CLARA GIBSON turned in to affiant an automobile upon which she was credited with Four Hundred Sixty-Four Dollars (\$464.00) and the balance of Two Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$220.00) was paid by said CLARA GIBSON in cash.

Affiant further states that CLARA GIBSON is the same person to whom said automobile was sold and delivered under the name of IRENE ROGERS.

Arthur Newquist

Subscribed and sworn to

before me this 17 day

of February, A. D. 1935.

John

Notary Public.

STATE OF ILLINOIS)

COUNTY OF COOK)

SS

EDWARD A. REYNOLDS, being first duly sworn on his oath, states that he a salesman for NORTH SHORE BUICK-PONTIAC CO., INC., a corporation, located at 1030 Davis Street, Evanston, Illinois; that he was such salesman for said company on January 6, 1932; that he is acquainted with one CLARA GIBSON, the widow of RUSSELL GIBSON, alias SLIM GRAY; that on January 6, 1932 at affiant's place of business affiant, as salesman for said company, sold to said CLARA GIBSON under the name of ESTELLE GRAY, one Buick automobile described as Model 52-91, Five (5) Passenger Sedan having six (6) wire wheels, bearing serial No. 2627133 and Motor No. 2778426; that said sale was made for the sum of Two Thousand Ninety-Nine Dollars (\$2,099.00) in cash which was paid to said company for said automobile by said CLARA GIBSON; that said CLARA GIBSON is the widow of RUSSELL GIBSON, alias SLIM GRAY, who was killed in the Chicago Police Department on January 6, 1932.

Subscribed and sworn to
before me this 7 day
of February, A. D. 1935.

Lena J. Quinn

Notary Public.

LEO KLEIN

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF COOK) SS

CLARA GIBSON, being first duly sworn on oath states that she is the widow of RUSSELL GIBSON, alias SLIM GRAY; that on April 19, 1934 under the name of IRENE ROGERS she purchased one new Ford automobile described as Model 40, Deluxe Coupe, bearing Motor No. 775269 for the sum of Six Hundred Eighty-Four Dollars (\$684.00) from the VRBA MOTOR COMPANY located at 5100-06 West 25th Street, Cicero, Illinois; that in payment for said automobile affiant turned in another automobile upon which she was credited with Four Hundred Sixty-Four Dollars (\$464.00) and that she paid the balance of the purchase price, namely Two Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$220.00) in cash.

Affiant further states that on January 6, 1932 under the name of WILLIE GRAY she purchased one Buick automobile described as Model 25-21, Five Passenger Sedan, having six (6) wire wheels, bearing Serial No. 522713 and Motor No. 477450 for the sum of Two Thousand Fifty-Five Dollars (\$2550.00) from the NORTH SHORE BUICK-PONTIAC CO., INC., located at 1030 Davis Street, Evanston, Illinois; that said purchase price was paid by affiant for said automobile in cash.

Affiant further states that she has been informed that said Buick and said Ford automobiles, above described, were seized in Chicago, Illinois by certain agents of the Division of Investigation of the United States Department of Justice on May 5, 1934 and July 14, 1934, each respectively and that said automobiles, since said respective dates, have been and now are in the possession of said division, to be retained by them until the true owner thereof shall claim the same.

Affiant further states that affiant did not, and said automobiles through affiant, were not used to aid and

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abet affiant's said deceased husband in any plan or scheme to evade, arrest or in fleeing from justice.

Affiant further states that said automobiles were purchased solely by affiant for her own use and with funds of her own; that at no time has affiant sold said automobiles and that said automobiles have always been and still are her own personal property.

Clara Gibson

Subscribed and sworn to
before me this 18 day
of February, A. D. 1935.

J. J. Luper
Notary Public
City of Commission
Expiry 3/1/36

LEO KLEIN
ATTORNEY AT LAW
10 SOUTH LA SALLE STREET
CHICAGO
RANDOLPH 3710-3713

February 19, 1935

Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Bankers Building
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

In behalf of Mrs. Clara Gibson,
widow of Russell Gibson alias Slim Gray, etc.,
I am enclosing herewith the Affidavit of Mrs.
Gibson relating to two (2) certain automobiles
described therein and which were the subject
of orders entered by the United States District
Court at Chicago on August 7, 1934 in cases
numbered 43560 and 43562, respectively.

In this matter I previously delivered
to your Mr. Connelly duplicate bills of sale for
these automobiles and affidavits by the salesman
showing the purchase of them by Mrs. Gibson.

I do not believe there is any ques-
tion that Mrs. Gibson purchased these cars and
is the owner of them and do not think it should
be necessary for her to be compelled to file a
petition in Court for their return to her, in
view of the orders entered in the District Court.
I will appreciate whatever you do for her in
this regard.

Will you kindly acknowledge receipt
of the aforesaid mentioned documents so that I
may have a record of them in my files.

Thanking you for your courtesy in
this matter, I remain

Very truly yours,

Leo Klein

Leo Klein

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*Need to
get the
affidavits
ready to
file to
the
court*



INVOICE

Vrba Motor Company

AUTHORIZED DEALER

No.

PHONES LAWDALE 0717
CICERO 1945100-06 WEST 25TH STREET
CICERO, ILL.

TO Irene Rogers

DATE April 19, 1934.

ADDRESS 4679 Lake Park Ave., Chicago, Ill.

CUSTOMER'S ORDER No.

Cars left with us for repairs are at owner's fire risk. Customer's cars operated by our employees only at owner's risk. Prices
subject to change without notice. Not responsible for loss of articles from cars.

Ford Model 40 DeL. Coupe Blk. No. Motor #775269
Rumble Seat
Bumper guards

\$680.00

4.00

\$684.00

Car allow. \$464.00

Cash paid 220.00

\$684.00

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS,
EASTERN DIVISION.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

vs.

D. C. No. 43560

ONE FORD V 8 COUPE, 1934 MODEL,
MOTOR NO. 18-775269.

PETITION

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS,
EASTERN DIVISION THEREOF:

Your petitioner, JAMES E. SMITH, United States Attorney
for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division thereof,
respectfully represents to this Honorable Court that on, to wit,
the 14th day of July, A. D. 1934, E. D. Brown, Special Agent, Divi-
sion of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, in the
division and district aforesaid, did find and take possession of
one Ford V 8 Coupe, 1934 Model, Motor No. 18-775269.

Your petitioner further represents that the said Ford
V 8 Coupe was abandoned by one Roy Gray, alias Slim Gray, alias
R. Gray Evans, who has also been identified as Russell Gibson, then
a fugitive from justice, and that the said motor vehicle was used by
the said Roy Gray, alias Slim Gray, alias R. Gray Evans, who has also
been identified as Russell Gibson, in furtherance of his plan and

scheme to evade capture by the Special Agents, Division of Investigation of the United States Department of Justice, and to aid and abet him in fleeing from justice and that on or about the 14th day of July, A. D. 1934, said automobile aforesaid, was abandoned at Chicago, Illinois.

Your petitioner further represents that the said Special Agent investigated and caused to be investigated the title of the said automobile, and that from investigation made by himself and other members of the said Department of Justice, it was found that the said automobile was purchased in Chicago, Illinois, by one Clara Gray, the wife of the aforesaid Roy Gray, alias Slim Gray, alias R. Gray Evans, who has also been identified as Russell Gibson, who was at that time a fugitive from justice, and that the said automobile was purchased by the said Clara Gray to aid and abet the said Roy Gray, alias Slim Gray, alias R. Gray Evans, who has also been identified as Russell Gibson, in his plan and scheme to evade arrest by the Special Agents of the Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, and to aid and abet him in fleeing from justice.

Your petitioner further states that the said automobile has been in the possession of the said United States Department of Justice since the 14th day of July, A. D. 1934, and that the storage charges on said automobile are increasing daily.

WHEREFORE, your petitioner prays that an order be entered declaring the said Ford automobile aforesaid to be owned by the United States of America as against all persons excepting the true owner thereof, and that the said automobile be retained by and delivered to the Division of Investigation of the United States Department of Justice to be used by the said Division of Investigation of the United States Department of Justice in the regular course of business.

United States Attorney.

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS,)

) SS.

EASTERN DIVISION.)

R. D. BROWN, being first duly sworn, on oath deposes

and says, that he has read the above and foregoing petition,

knows the contents thereof and that the same is true to his own

knowledge, excepting as matters therein said to be on information

and belief, and as to those matters he believes it to be true.

Subscribed and sworn to before

me this day of

A. D. 1927.

NOTARY PUBLIC.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS,

EASTERN DIVISION.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

vs.

D. C. No.

43560

ONE FORD V 8 COUPE, 1934 MODEL,
MOTOR NO. 18-775269.

ORDER

Upon reading the petition of DWIGHT M. GREEN, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division thereof, and it appearing to the Court that the true owner of the said Ford V 8 Coupe referred to in the said petition is a person unknown and probably a person aiding and abetting one Ray Gray, alias Slim Gray, alias R. Gray Evans, who has also been identified as Russell Gibson, a fugitive from justice, in pending arrest;

It is therefore ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the said Ford V 8 Coupe, 1934 Model, Motor No. 18-775269, be, and the same hereby is declared to be owned by the United States of America, as against all persons excepting the true owner thereof, and

It is further ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the said Ford V 8 Coupe aforesaid, be, and the same hereby is ordered to be delivered to and retained by the Division of Investigation of the United States Department of Justice, to be used by the said Division of Investigation of the United States Department of Justice in the regular course of business.

ENTER

United States District Judge.

Dated at Chicago, Illinois,
this day of

A.D. 1934.

CAR INVOICE
CUSTOMERS
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North Shore Buick-Pontiac Co., Inc.
Buick Salesrooms — 1030 Davis St. — Evanston
Pontiac Salesrooms — 1819 Ridge Ave. — Evanston
Service — 1572 Maple Ave. — Evanston
BRANCH — 410 So. First St. — HIGHLAND PARK

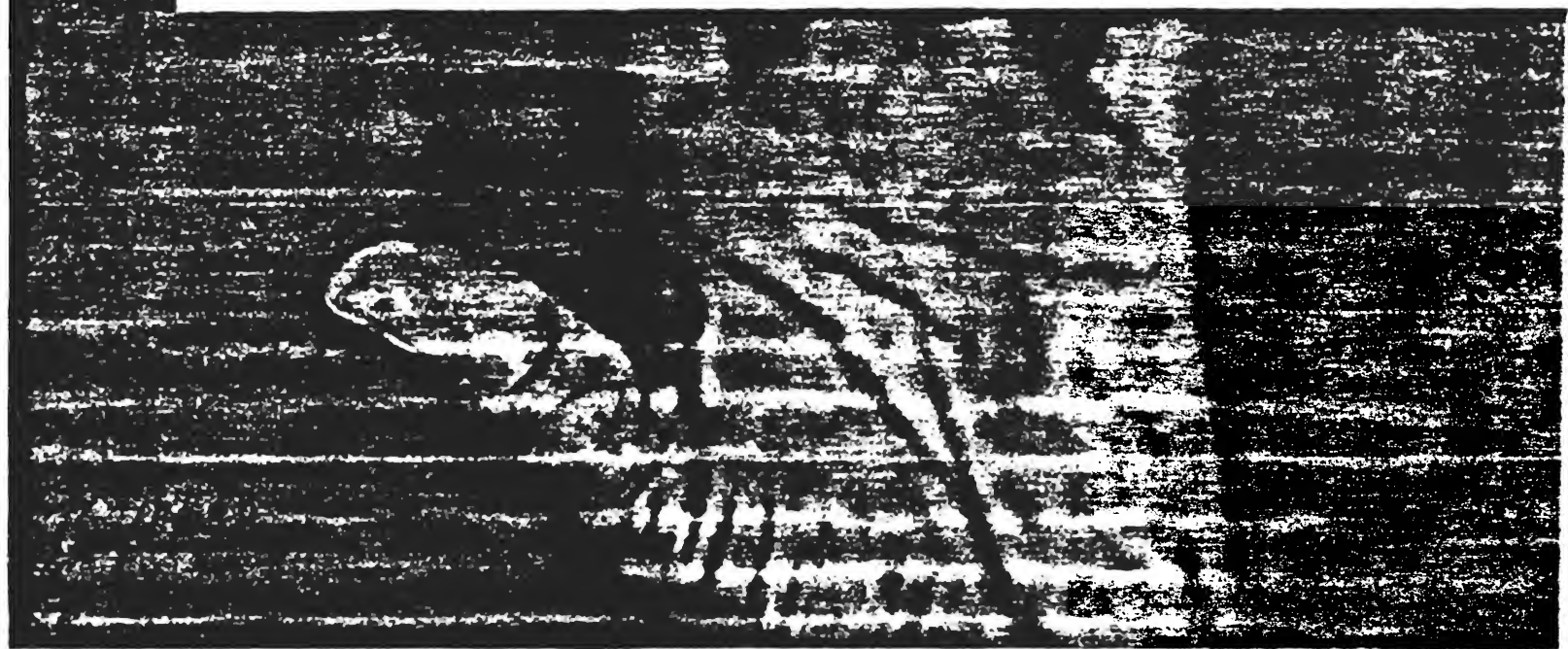
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SOLD TO Estelle Gray,
541 Wellington Av.,
Chicago, Ill.

SALESMAN — Reynolds.

MAKE	MODEL	NEW OR USED	SERIAL NO.	MOTOR NO.	KEY NO.	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
BUICK	52-91	New	2627133	2778426		1 Five Passenger Sedan, 6 Wire Wheels	\$2099.00
		DUPLICATE					
						NEW CAR FREIGHT AND HANDLING	
						TIME PRICE DIFFERENTIAL AND INSURANCE	
						LICENSE	
						Watch,	
						Heater,	
						Spotlite,	
						Cigar Lighter	
						TOTAL SALE	\$2099.00
						SETTLEMENT	
						CASH ON DELIVERY	\$2099.00
						PREVIOUS DEPOSIT	
						USED CAR	
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						MOTOR NO.	
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March 15, 1935.

Mr. J. J. Connelley,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 829,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases -
Fugitive, I. O. No. 1218, et al;
Edward George Bremer, Victim -
Kidnaping.

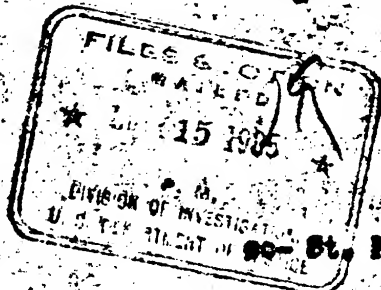
Reference is made to your letter dated March 1,
1935 with which were transmitted to the Bureau copies of
petition and order entered in the United States District
Court, Chicago, Illinois, conveying to the Bureau title
to the Ford V 8 coupe bearing motor number 775269 and
Buick sedan bearing motor number 2778426.

You advise that Clara Gibson, widow of Russell
G. Gibson, through her attorney Leo Klein has requested
the return of these automobiles and in this connection
you point out that Clara Gibson has been very cooperative
with the Chicago Bureau Office by furnishing information
which has proven of value in the above entitled case. So
far as the Bureau is concerned, there is no objection to
returning these two automobiles to Clara Gibson but it is
desired, however, that the matter be taken up with the
United States Attorney at Chicago, Illinois, and you should
be guided by his instructions.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

POST OFFICE BOX 812
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

March 2, 1935.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St. N.W.,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

In connection with the two automobiles which were recovered at the time Russell C. Gibson alias Slim Gray and William Bryan Bolton alias Monte Carter were apprehended on January 8, 1935, at 3920 Pine Grove Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, as per request to United States Attorney Dwight H. Green, Chicago, Illinois, orders have been entered in United States District Court, Chicago, Illinois, transferring these two automobiles to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice.

For the information of the file there are enclosed copies of the petition and order in docket 44224 and docket 44223, covering these two automobiles, copies of such also being retained in the Chicago office, and such automobiles in the future will be included in the property file of the Chicago office.

Very truly yours,

E. J. Connelley
E. J. CONNELLEY,

Special Agent in Charge.
(Special Assignment)

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Enclosures

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

D.C. No. 44223

ONE FORD V 8 VICTORIA COUPE,
1934 MODEL, MOTOR No. 1142463

ORDER

Upon reading the petition of DWIGHT H. GREEN, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division, thereof, and it appearing to the Court that the true owner of the said Ford V 8 Victoria Coupe referred to in the said petition is a

person unknown and a person who aided and abetted one Russell Gibson, alias Roy Gray, alias Slim Gray, alias R. Gray Evans, who was a fugitive from justice, now deceased, to evade arrest;

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the said Ford V 8 Victoria Coupe, 1934 Model, Motor No. 1142463, be, and the same hereby is declared to be owned by the United States of America as against all persons excepting the true owner thereof, and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the said Ford V 8 Victoria Coupe aforesaid, be, and the same is hereby ordered to be delivered to and retained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, to be used by the said Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, in the regular course of business.

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United States District Judge

Dated at Chicago, Illinois,

this day of February, A.D. 1935.

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NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS }
EASTERN DIVISION } SS

S. K. McKee, being first duly sworn on oath deposes
and says, that he has read the above and foregoing petition,
knows the contents thereof and that the same is true to his own
knowledge, excepting as matters therein said to be on information
and belief, and as to those matters he believes it to be true.

Subscribed and sworn to before
me this day of February, A.D. 1935.

Notary Public.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

D.C. No. 44223

ONE FORD V 8 VICTORIA COUPE,
1934 MODEL, MOTOR No. 1142463

FEB 19 1935

PETITION

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION, THEREOF:

Your petitioner, Dwight H. Green, United States Attorney
for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division thereof,
respectfully represents to this Honorable Court that on, to wit,
the 8th day of January, A.D. 1935, R. G. Suren and S. K. McKee,
Special Agents, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States
Department of Justice, in the Division and District aforesaid,
did find and take possession of one Ford V 8 Victoria Coupe, 1934
Model, Motor No. 1142463.

Your petitioner further represents that the said Ford V 8
Victoria Coupe was abandoned by one Russell Gibson, alias Roy Gray,
alias Slim Gray, alias R. Gray Evans, now deceased, then a fugitive
from justice, and that the said motor vehicle was used by the said
Russell Gibson, alias Roy Gray, alias Slim Gray, alias R. Gray Evans,
in furtherance of his plan and scheme to evade capture by the Special
Agents, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of
Justice, and to aid and abet him in fleeing from justice and that on

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or about the 8th day of January, A.D. 1935, said motor vehicle aforesaid, was abandoned at Chicago, Illinois.

Your petitioner further represents that the said Special Agents investigated and caused to be investigated the title of the said motor vehicle, and that from said investigation made by themselves and other members of the said Department of Justice, it was found that the said motor vehicle was purchased in Cicero, Illinois, by one Andrew Allen, whose true identity is unknown, and that the said motor vehicle was purchased by the said unknown person to aid and abet the said Russell Gibson, alias Roy Gray, alias Slim Gray, alias R. Gray Evans, in his plan and scheme to evade arrest by the Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, and to aid and abet him in fleeing from justice.

Your petitioner further states that the said motor vehicle has been in the possession of the said United States Department of Justice since the 8th day of January, A.D. 1935, and that the storage charges on said motor vehicle are increasing daily.

WHEREFORE, your petitioner prays that an order be entered declaring the said Ford motor vehicle aforesaid, to be owned by the United States of America as against all persons excepting the true owner thereof, and that the said motor vehicle be retained by and delivered to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, to be used by the said Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice in their regular course of business.

United States Attorney.

Mr. Nathan.
Mr. Tolson...
Mr. Baokus...
Mr. Baughm...
Chief Clerk...
Mr. Clegg...
Mr. Coffey...
Mr. Edwards...
Mr. Egan...
Mr. Harbo...
Mr. Keith...
Mr. Lester...
Mr. Quinn...
Mr. Schilder...
Mr. Smith...
Mr. Tamm...
Mr. Tracy...
Miss Gandy...

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BREKID ON FEBRUARY 10 ONE THOMAS OF FORT WAYNE HELD UP BY THREE MEN WHO HAD MACHINE GUNS ETC. THEY STOLE HIS CAR ABANDONING SAME IN CROWN POINT FEBRUARY 12. ON SAME DATE THREE MEN HELD UP GRIMMER NEAR NEW CHICAGO INDIANA STEALING HIS NEW STUDEBAKER BEARING 1935 DEALERS LICENSE M 1557 ON FEBRUARY 28 SAID PLATES SEEN AT SOUTH BEND, INDIANA ON A PONTIAC SEDAN COLOR GRAY CARRYING SIX MEN ONE OF WHOM R. E. LYNCH OF PORTER, INDIANA PARTIALLY IDENTIFIED AS ALVIN KARPIS. THIS INFORMATION BROADCAST BY MICHIGAN STATE RADIO AND SOUTH BEND POLICE RADIO AND MICHIGAN STATE POLICE RADIO ABOVE INFORMATION REPORTED TO HAVE APPEARED IN ELKHART AND SOUTH BEND PAPERS. HAVE CALLED ALL PARTIES HAVING INFORMATION ON THIS THEY STRESS FACT THAT KARPIS ONLY PARTIALLY IDENTIFIED BY ONE MAN. WILL INVESTIGATE IMMEDIATELY FOR ANY VERIFICATION.

FRANK GEARHART AND HOWARD GEARHART WHO WERE AT HURON OHIO WORKING ON PAPERS AND LEFT WHEN DISCHARGED FOR DRUNKENNESS WERE REPORTED BY CHIEF OF POLICE HURON AS IDENTICAL WITH HARRY SAVYER AND WILLIAM WEAVER INQUIRY CHICAGO ESTABLISHES IDENTITY OF GEARHARTS AND THAT THEY ARE NOT IDENTICAL WITH SAWYER AND WEAVER.

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Post Office Box #812
Chicago, Illinois

March 2, 1935

Special Agent in Charge
St. Louis, Missouri

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 1218
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232
HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1236
VOLNEY DAVIS with aliases, I.O. 1237
WILLIAM WEAVER with aliases, I.O. 1238
WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1239
HARRY SAWYER with aliases, I.O. 1240
MYRTLE PATON with aliases, I.O. 1241 et al
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim - KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

In making reference to the report of Special Agent R. L. Shivers, your office, dated February 23, 1935, containing written statement obtained from May Green, it is thought advisable at this time that Miss Green be interviewed thoroughly. In connection with May Green it is to be noted that she resided with Harrison for a period of six months from March until September 1, 1933. Harrison and May Green occupied a house at Calumet City during this time and investigation indicates that many persons visited this house, especially during the night time.

Mention is here made of an incident occurring during the time that May Green resided or lived with Harrison as man and wife wherein a man was taken out of Harrison's home in the night time and placed in an ambulance under most suspicious circumstances. The identity of this man should be ascertained from May Green.

During September of 1933 Mrs. Kate Barker, deceased, through William Harrison, obtained a letter of recommendation from Mr. Julius Meyn, Vice President of a now defunct First Trust Bank of Hammond, Indiana, indicating that Harrison at that time was well acquainted with Mrs. Barker.

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About September 1, 1933, Wynona Burdette, paramour of Harry Campbell, was advised by Campbell to register at the Savoy Hotel where she would be contacted by William Harrison, which was done. Fred and Doc. Barker were likewise at this meeting at the Savoy Hotel. Charles J. Fitzgerald is known to have resided at Hammond, Indiana, at the vicinity during 1932 and 1933. Homer Wilson, alias "Big" Homer is likewise known to have frequented Calumet City, Illinois, and Hammond, Indiana, during this time. Fitzgerald especially is reported to have been a close friend of Harrison during this period and summary of previous investigation indicates that Harrison had been in frequent contact with members of the Karpis-Barker gang during the time that May Green lived with him as man and wife.

It is suggested that she be interviewed thoroughly as to the persons who frequented Harrison's home, the places visited by her and Harrison, and all possible information which she might have concerning his past connections with criminals and possible contacts in the Chicago Bureau District or otherwise.

Particular attention should be directed to obtaining the type of automobiles driven or owned by Harrison and other members of the Karpis-Barker gang, previous addresses, taverns, and resorts frequented, and persons known. Information previously obtained indicates that Harrison was acquainted with Fred "Killer" Burke during the period that Harrison resided with May Green. It is suggested that the results of interview of May Green be forwarded to the Chicago Office at the earliest possible time.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY
Special Agent in Charge
(Special Assignment)

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U. S. Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation
P. O. DRAWER 1457,
St. Louis, Missouri.

March 1, 1935.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Ave. at 9th St., N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

In re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. 1218.
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WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, I. O. 1239.
HARRY SAWYER, with aliases, I. O. 1240.
Edward George Bremer - Victim.
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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated January 24, 1935 wherein Special Agent W. L. Buchanan was instructed to continue the surveillance then being maintained at the William J. Harrison home until such time as the identity of the agent appears to have become known to the Harrison family.

On February 28, 1935 May Green, former paramour of Willie Harrison and now a confidential informant in the above entitled case, visited Mrs. May Harrison, mother of Willie Harrison. During this visit Mrs. Harrison informed May Green that recently they had become suspicious of a man who was living next door and were now of the opinion that he was a detective placed there to watch for Willie Harrison. Special Agent Buchanan was immediately advised concerning the above information.

This information was also telephonically furnished to Mr. Tamm of the Bureau at Washington by Acting Special Agent in Charge G. B. Norris. Mr. Tamm stated that every precaution should be used to protect Special Agent Buchanan and that proper steps should be taken to recall him as soon as he could be removed from the present location without embarrassing informant May Green. In accordance with Mr. Tamm's suggestion, Special Agent Buchanan will discontinue the above mentioned surveillance on the afternoon of March 2, 1935.

Very truly yours,

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U. S. Department of Justice
1616 Federal Reserve
Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri

February 24, 1935

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Pennsylvania Avenue at Ninth Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

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Reference is made to telephone conversation between Mr. Tamm of the Bureau and Special Agent W. E. Miller of this office on this date, at which time Mr. Tamm requested that detailed statements be secured from the interested Agents of this office concerning their efforts to locate one John Doe, alias Leo, on the night of February 22, 1935, it being noted that a warrant has been issued for the party known as Leo, for harboring Volney Davis in this city. Mr. Tamm inquired whether the fingerprints of Russell Lane, alias "Spike", had been transmitted to Washington; also whether Lane has been thoroughly questioned concerning his possible connection with Jess Doyle and Volney Davis in the robbery of the national banks at Okemah, Oklahoma, or other bank robberies.

Pursuant to Mr. Tamm's instructions, there are being attached hereto three copies of memoranda furnished by Special Agents R. P. Shanahan, D. A. Bryce, N. O. Scott, V. I. Parry, and V. R. Clary, concerning their knowledge of the efforts made to apprehend the party known as Leo on the evening aforementioned. In compliance with Bureau instructions, a telegraphic summary of such statements was furnished to the Bureau on this date.

Special Agent Shanahan, to whom the matter is assigned in this office, advises that immediately after Lane was picked up and at subsequent periods during the same day, February 23, 1935, Lane was questioned at great length concerning any possible connection which he might have with Volney Davis and Jess Doyle, and also concerning any possible connection that Lane might have had with Doyle and Davis or others in the robbery of the national banks at Okemah, Oklahoma, or other bank robberies. Agent Shanahan also advises that Lane's fingerprints were taken on the day he was picked up, and transmitted to the Bureau.

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Special Agent W. E. Miller advises that he was notified at his home by telephone about 10:15 p.m. on the night in question that two men believed to have some connection with the party known as Leo had been seen leaving the apartment building at 4915 Troost Street, which was believed to be Leo's residence, and that they had been followed by Deputy Sheriff Calloway to a beer parlor at 3407 Troost Street, where the deputy sheriff was endeavoring to keep the parties under surveillance, the deputy sheriff being a resident of the apartment building adjoining the one located at 4915 Troost, and having learned through the management of the interest of this office in locating the party known as Leo. Agent Miller immediately communicated by telephone with Special Agent Bryce, located at the Pickwick Hotel, near the Bureau Office, and directly across the street from the garage where the Bureau automobiles are stored. Agent Bryce was instructed to pick up as many of the other Agents as he could of those residing at the Pickwick, and also to pick up Special Agent Clary, who resides in the vicinity of 3407 Troost, and who had been advised by telephone to be ready to join Agent Bryce. Agent Bryce was further instructed to make such investigation as he could, keep the parties under surveillance, and report back as soon as possible concerning the matter. Meanwhile, Agent Miller continued his efforts to locate other Agents and finally was able to get in touch with Special Agent Parry, who had arrived meanwhile at the office. Agent Parry was instructed to proceed immediately to the address aforementioned and to pick up Special Agent Miller enroute. While these instructions were being given, Special Agent Shanahan also came into the Bureau Office. As the investigation is assigned to him, and as the matter seemed to require expeditious attention, he was instructed to proceed immediately to the address in question, make appropriate investigation, and keep Agent Miller advised concerning the situation. As matters then stood, it was deemed inadvisable to send more Agents, but Agent Miller continued his efforts to reach the various other Agents assigned to the office, in an endeavor to have them ready for any other action which needed to be taken.

After some time, Agent Miller was informed by Special Agent Shanahan by telephone that they had located Deputy Sheriff Calloway and he, together with the five Agents aforementioned, were maintaining a watch on the beer parlor which the two suspects had been seen by Calloway to enter; that two Agents were in the beer parlor and the remaining three, together with the deputy sheriff, were stationed in cars on the streets nearby; that they had been unable to identify any party which they believed to be Leo, but were continuing their efforts and if they saw any person leaving the place fitting the description of Leo, such person would be picked up for questioning. Special Agent Shanahan was given some general instructions concerning the handling of the matter, and again was requested to report by telephone at frequent intervals. Shortly thereafter, he advised by telephone that one party had been picked up and taken to the Bureau Office for questioning, and that the Agents had been unable to detain two companions of this man. Agent Miller then proceeded immediately to the office,

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where Russell Lane, alias Spike, was questioned at considerable length in an endeavor to obtain from him information concerning the parties who had been with him at the beer joint. Lane stated that these parties were Charley Mitchell and Johnny Jackson. He denied knowing Volney Davis, Jess Doyle, or any party named Leo. He furnished two or three addresses where Mitchell and Jackson might be located, and Agents Bryce, Parry, Shanahan, O'Mahoney, and Vandover, together with Deputy Sheriff Calloway, immediately proceeded to the addresses mentioned. Investigation at these places, however, was without success. Special Agents Miller and Clary remained at the office with Lane, who was kept handcuffed at all times. Upon the return of the other Agents, they, together with John Kelly, Chief Deputy Sheriff, continued the questioning of Lane for about three hours, but obtained practically no information of value.

As the Sheriff's office had been seeking Lane for some time in connection with a bank robbery at Webb City, Missouri, Deputy Sheriff Kelly agreed to hold Lane on a charge of carrying concealed weapons, the understanding being that Lane would be released to the Federal Government if further investigation should develop a Federal charge against him.

Lane delivered to Agents a key to the apartment which he states he has been occupying with Jackson at 4915 Troost Street, and consented to any investigation desired at that place. Agent Shanahan discussed this matter with Chief Deputy Sheriff Kelly, who is interested in apprehending some of Lane's associates, and also with Mr. T. F. McDonald, Deputy United States Marshal, who holds the warrant for Leo. As a result of this conference, arrangements were made whereby an Agent of this office, together with Mr. McDonald and Deputy Sheriff Calloway, are maintaining a continuous surveillance in Lane's apartment, in an endeavor to apprehend Leo for the Government, or any of his associates, who may be desired by the Sheriff's office. This surveillance will be continued until Leo is apprehended or instructions are received from the Bureau to discontinue this surveillance.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Nathan
R. B. NATHAN *w.c.*

Special Agent in Charge

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cc - E. J. Connelley
St. Paul
Oklahoma City

Kansas City, Missouri
February 24, 1935

Shanahan

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

RE: BREKID

Pursuant to the instructions of Acting Special Agent in Charge E. L. Miller, the following memorandum is being submitted by Special Agent R. P. Shanahan, setting out activities engaged in by him on the night of February 22, 1935, and the early morning of February 23, 1935, in an effort to effect the apprehension of one John Doe, alias Richard Roe, alias Leo.

At approximately 10:30 p.m. on Friday, February 22, 1935, the undersigned appeared at the Kansas City Bureau Office and was informed by Special Agent Parry and Night Clerk Master that a telephone call had been received from Deputy Sheriff Calloway to the effect that two men had been seen leaving the apartment at 4915 Troost Avenue and had gone from there to a beer tavern at 3407 Troost, to which spot Calloway had trailed them. This information had been conveyed to the deputy sheriff by Miss Carter, daughter of the manager at 4915-4919 Troost, who had been cooperating with the Agents from this office in the surveillance of Apartment # at 4915 Troost, at which place one Leo was supposed to be living. At the time Miss Carter noticed the two men leaving, she mentioned the fact to the deputy sheriff, who lives in the same building, saying that she wanted him to notify this office immediately, which he did.

Special Agent Parry and myself immediately proceeded to 3407 Troost in a Bureau Buick, having been first informed that Special Agents Scott, Clary, and Bryce had left for the same place shortly before. I parked the car on the east side of Troost, facing north about one hundred feet south of the entrance to the tavern at 3407. Leaving Agent Parry in the car, this Agent went into the tavern and took a seat at the bar. The place was quite crowded, but no one could be discerned by me at that time as being the individuals sought. After ordering a glass of beer and observing as casually as possible the persons in the place, I went out to the car and Agent Parry and I drove north to 34th Street and then west to a point about sixty feet west of Troost, where we parked the car on the south side of 34th Street facing east. The car being driven by Deputy Sheriff Calloway was at that time parked directly across on the north side of 34th Street the same distance from the corner. Calloway stated that the men who had left the apartment at 4915 Troost were still inside the tavern. From where we were the latter was in full view, and a minute or so later I saw Agents Scott and Clary go in the front door. Agent Bryce also was with them, but he had already entered at the time I saw Agents Scott and Clary go in.

Leaving Agent Parry and Calloway in the Buick, I went across Troost and again entered 3407 Troost, saw Agents Bryce, Scott, and Clary seated at a

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tanje, and continued up to the bar. To avoid suspicion, I ordered another glass of beer and sat at the bar for three or four minutes. I then left and walked south on Troost about two hundred feet, where I was joined about a minute later by Agent Bryce. He informed me that he had spotted the men who appeared to be the ones we were seeking, so we went back to the Buick parked on 34th Street and decided to wait there until these people left the tavern. Agent Bryce said that one of the men answered the description of Leo. Accordingly, it was decided to make a more definite identification, if possible, when they came out, and then apprehend him.

At this point, I left the car and walked about a half block north on Troost to a small restaurant, where I telephoned Acting Special Agent in Charge W. E. Miller and advised him of all developments that had occurred up to that point; when I returned to the car I was informed that a person answering the description of Leo had come out of 3407 Troost, accompanied by a woman carrying a black hand trunk, and that both parties had walked west on the south side of 34th Street, passing the Buick car in which Agents Bryce and Parry, together with Deputy Sheriff Galloway, were seated. I immediately swung the Buick car around and drove west on 34th Street to Harrison, the first street west of Troost, where I turned south. We then saw a woman carrying what appeared to be a black hand trunk, walking on the east side of Harrison toward Armour Boulevard, or 35th Street. It was apparent at that time that the man who previously was walking with her had disappeared in the short distance of less than half a block. Consequently, I drove the car south to Armour Boulevard, turned east one block to Troost, and then drove north on Troost to a point at about 200 feet south of 34th Street, where I parked the car on the east side of Troost. Agent Bryce and I immediately walked north on Troost and turned the corner of 34th Street and started up 34th Street in a westerly direction on the south side of the street. It will be noted at this point that the person described as Leo by Jess Doyle during the interviews had with him while he was held in the Wyandotte County Jail, had never been seen by me. Agent Bryce and I passed a man going east on the south side of 34th Street toward Troost at a point midway between Troost and Harrison. After passing by him for approximately 50 feet, Agent Bryce said to me, "That's him." When it was thought that he had turned the corner, Agent Bryce and I immediately turned around and hurried back in the direction he had been going. When we reached the corner of 34th and Troost, I saw this man talking with another man in front of 3407 Troost, and then saw him hurriedly walk south on the east side of Troost toward 35th Street, followed by a tall man wearing a dark suit and a derby hat, who was in turn followed by another tall man, dressed in like manner, who had apparently just come out of 3407 Troost at the time the man answering the description of Leo had first come up. I immediately started diagonally across the car tracks on Troost in pursuit, and at that time the three men began to run. At this point Agent Bryce went toward the door of 3407 Troost. The short

man, answering the description of Leo and the one who had been previously seen accompanied by the woman carrying the black handbag, was about three-quarters of a block or a full block ahead and in the lead, followed by the other two men. At a point approximately 150 feet north of Armour Boulevard and on the east side of Troost Street, is the Il Trovatore Cafe, where the last man was seen to enter. Upon reaching the entrance to this cafe, I grabbed this person, wheeled him around, told him I was a federal officer. He appeared to be slightly under the influence of liquor, and made attempts to break away. He also made a reach for his pocket, but I grabbed both of his arms, and after beckoning to Agent Parry, who had driven the Bureau Buick south on Troost Street to a point directly opposite to where I had apprehended this man, held him on the sidewalk in front of the Il Trovatore Cafe. At that time Agent Bryce came up and we placed the man, whom I recognized to be Russell "Spike" Lane, in the Buick driven by Agent Scott, which had pulled up on the east side of Troost. He immediately attempted to discover where the other two had gone, but was unsuccessful in locating them. No information in this regard could be obtained from Lane, and after several attempts to discover the other two in the alley to the rear of the Il Trovatore Cafe, and in the vicinity, I drove back to the Kansas City Bureau Office with Agents Parry and Bryce, while Agent Scott returned to this office with Special Agent Clary, together with Deputy Sheriff Calloway and Lane.

Upon returning to the Bureau Office, I immediately notified Acting Special Agent in Charge W. E. Miller by telephone and advised him of what had taken place. In addition to the above, I also advised him that when Lane had been placed in the car he had made further attempts to reach his overcoat pocket, which, upon examination, revealed the presence of a .45 caliber loaded revolver. He was questioned thoroughly in the Kansas City Bureau Office by myself and other Agents, but refused to disclose any information relative to the two men who were with him, except to say that they had both been living at 4915 Troost, the one answering the description of Leo under the name of Charles Mitchell, and the other person under the name of Johnny Jackson. He stated that he did not know anyone out there by the name of Leo. Further, he remarked that Mitchell had not been living there of late, and that he, Lane, had only been there for about the last three weeks. Acting upon the information received from Lane that he had spent the last two nights at the Midlor Hotel, which is located on the northeast corner of 33rd and Troost, Agents O'Mahoney, Vandover, Bryce, Parry, and myself proceeded immediately to the Midlor Hotel, where inquiries were made concerning Lane and his associates. Lane had told me that he had registered there under the name of Frank Orchard, which proved to be the truth, but no information concerning anybody else could be obtained at the Midlor. Lane later said that the possible reason for this was that when Johnny Jackson had come there on February 20 or 21, he, Lane, alone had registered. After a lengthy questioning, Lane was

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brought by me, accompanied by Special Agent Vandover and Deputy Sheriffs John Kelly and Calloway, to the Jackson County Jail, where he was booked on a charge of investigation. At this time I was informed by Deputy Sheriff John Kelly that Lane was also wanted by him for questioning in the robbery of the Webb City, Missouri, bank, and that he would be held also on that charge. Immediately thereafter, Special Agent Vandover and the two deputies and myself proceeded to a disreputable hotel located at 6807 Independence Road, where Lane had been residing. There it was found that Lane had simply been occupying a single room, and nothing of value in this case was discovered. The following morning, February 23, I was advised by Deputy Sheriff John Kelly that the state would prefer charges of carrying concealed weapons against Lane.

It should be noted here that, except for the information received from Jess Doyle that Leo lived at 4915 Troost and that the person seen to leave the tavern at 3407 Troost, accompanied by the woman, answered the description of Leo as given by Jess Doyle, there were no other indications that the person who eluded the Agents on the evening of February 22, was Leo. However, when, in response to questions put to Lane in this connection, he indicated by his evasive answers that he was lying, as far as knowledge of a person by the name of Leo was concerned. The .45 caliber revolver which was taken from Lane is now in the possession of the Kansas City Bureau Office. The description of the same is as follows: United States Army Model 1909, #32851.

Respectfully submitted,

R. F. SHANAHAN
Special Agent

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Kansas City, Mo.
February 24, 1935

Scott

MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

RE: BREXID

This memorandum is submitted as suggested by Acting Special Agent in Charge Miller in regard to the investigation which occurred on the night of February 22, 1935, for the purpose of locating a party known as Leo in the vicinity of 3407 Troost, Kansas City, Missouri.

At about 10 p.m., February 22, Special Agent Bryce called at my room in the Pickwick Hotel, requesting me to come with him, as he had learned that the parties who had been living on Troost Street and for whom the Agents of the Bureau had been looking, were leaving. This Agent and Agent Bryce proceeded by Bureau auto with all possible haste to Special Agent Clary's residence, where he was picked up, this being near 34th and Troost. The three of us then proceeded to the neighborhood of 34th and Troost Street, where a deputy sheriff was to have met us, this deputy having followed two parties from an apartment building at 4915 Troost. We were unable to locate the deputy sheriff, due to the fact that none of us knew the officer by sight or by name. All the information the writer had was that the deputy sheriff was to be met at 34th and Troost. Being unable to locate the deputy sheriff, Agents Bryce, Clary, and the writer proceeded to the apartment further out on Troost Street, where it was alleged two men had been seen leaving with a bag. After cruising around and finding the apartment in darkness, and as no one was in sight, it was decided to return to the office. However, it was deemed advisable by Agent Bryce to stop by the beer parlor at 3407 Troost Street to ascertain if any suspects could be found there who fitted the description of the party sought.

Agents Bryce, Clary, and the writer entered the beer parlor, took seats and ordered a glass of beer apiece, in order to avoid attracting attention. We began talking in a casual way while looking over the numerous parties there. As the information I had concerning the party sought was very meager, I looked to Agent Bryce to take the lead, as he had worked on the case and was more familiar with the details. The three of us chatted for some time until finally Agent Bryce stated that a party standing at the bar somewhat fitted the description of the man sought, but that he was not positive, as he had never seen him and was not sure of his description. The three of us then noticed Agent Shanahan come in and sit at the bar, but we all withheld recognition at the time. In about 15 minutes, Agent Shanahan left, and was followed by Agent Bryce, who advised Agent Clary and myself to remain inside and watch the patrons while Bryce talked to Shanahan. In about 15 minutes more a party left the beer parlor carrying a large suitcase, with a woman. Shortly afterwards two other men left. In about three minutes Agent Bryce beckoned to us to come on the outside, as the three parties were

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believed to have gone into a nearby cafe, and we were going to try to pick them up and question them. This Agent immediately turned the car around, pulled up in front of the cafe, and in a minute Spike Lane was brought out. He was put in the car, and this Agent proceeded to put handcuffs on him. The deputy sheriff had come up, and he got in the rear seat with Lane. The latter began reaching for the pocket of his overcoat, which had been laid in the rear seat while the handcuffs were being adjusted. The deputy sheriff searched the coat and found a loaded .45 caliber Colt revolver in one pocket. This gun was immediately removed and later carried to the Bureau Office, where it is now held. Being unable to locate the other two men, this Agent, together with Agent Clary and Deputy Sheriff Calloway, proceeded with Lane to the Kansas City Bureau Office for questioning by Agents Bryce and Shanahan.

It appears desirable to add that, so far as known to this Agent, neither of the parties who left the beer parlor ahead of Lane has ever been definitely identified as Leo, the party sought. As before stated, I relied on the suggestions of Agent Bryce, due to the fact that he had worked on the case in question, while I have had no close connection with the investigation.

Respectfully submitted,

N. O. SCOTT
Special Agent

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Parry

Kansas City, Mo.
February 24, 1936

MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

RE: BREKID

This memorandum covers my activities on the night of February 22, 1936, in connection with efforts made by Agents of this office to apprehend one John Doe, alias Leo.

At approximately ten o'clock on the night of February 22, I was called by the night clerk of the Kansas City Bureau Office and asked to report immediately to the office, where he informed me that a deputy sheriff had called and stated that he had trailed two men from an apartment at 4915 Troost Avenue to a beer tavern at 3407 Troost, and that these men were the parties that had been living at this apartment and he understood that the Bureau wanted these men. I called Acting Special Agent in Charge Miller for further instructions and was told to get a car and pick him up enroute to the address mentioned. However, before I left Agent Shanahan came to the office, and was instructed by Mr. Miller to leave immediately with me to this beer tavern.

We proceeded there where the car was parked near the entrance, and Agent Shanahan went into the tavern and came out about three minutes later, saying he did not recognize the man sought as being in the tavern. He noticed the car of the deputy sheriff parked almost opposite the tavern on 34th Street running into Troost, and drove there, picking up Deputy Sheriff Calloway, who informed us that he lived in the apartment next door to 4915 Troost, and on arriving home the manager's daughter had pointed out two men who she said had been living in the apartment that Agents from this office had formerly had under surveillance. These men were both dressed in black overcoats and wore derby hats and carried a large black bag. Calloway had watched these men enter a taxi and had followed in his own car to the tavern at 3407 Troost, where he had seen them enter, and he had then called the Bureau Office.

Our car was at this time facing the tavern on the side street, where we had a good view of the front of the tavern, and Agent Shanahan noticed Agents Scott and Clary enter the tavern. We understood that before we left the office Agents Clary, Bryce and Scott had proceeded to this tavern, but did not know that the deputy sheriff was there, as they had left before he had told the office of his location there. Shanahan went over to the tavern, but passed down in front of it, and a short time later Agent Bryce came over to the car and was given all the facts by Calloway. Shanahan then came back to the car and said he was going to phone Agent Miller. Shortly after he left, a man wearing a brown overcoat and light hat and carrying a large black bag came from the tavern, accompanied by a woman. This couple walked across Troost Street and up 34th Street, passing

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our car. Calloway was sure that the bag was the one that the two men carried whom he had followed from the apartment, but said that the man with the woman was not one of them. Agent Shanahan returned at this time and was told of this fact and said that the man apparently fitted the description of Lee. He swung the car around and at the next block we noticed the woman with the bag, but the man had disappeared. We continued around the block and parked almost in front of the tavern. Shanahan and Bryce agreed to walk up the block in the direction taken by the man and woman, while Calloway was to go around the block in the other direction. I was told to wait in the car.

Shanahan and Bryce had just turned the corner when the man who had carried the bag from the tavern came across the street and went into the tavern, evidently passing the two Agents on the sidewalk. The Agents were on their way back across the street when this same man came from the tavern and was followed by a tall thin man wearing a derby and hastily getting into a black overcoat. These men broke into a trot and passed the car in which I was sitting and disappeared down the street. Agents Shanahan and Bryce were about half way across the street from them when they came from the tavern. As it appeared probable that one of these two men had been met by Agents Shanahan and Bryce as they turned off of Troost Street, as aforementioned, and as those Agents were more familiar with the details of this case, I concluded that they did not believe either of the two men was the party sought.

Immediately after these men ran from the tavern, another individual came from the tavern, wearing a derby hat and carrying a black coat. This man went down the street in the direction of the first two men. Agent Shanahan entered the car and we turned around and went down the street in the same direction, and about three quarters of a block down we noticed this last man going into another tavern. We stopped and Shanahan went across the street and met this last man as he was leaving this tavern and stopped him. I went across and at the same time Agent Bryce, who had gone down the street on foot, came up. Shanahan recognized this man as "Spike" Lane, former tavern owner in Kansas City. Lane readily admitted this, but would not tell who the other individuals were.

At this point the other car drove up, containing Agents Clary and Scott and Deputy Sheriff Calloway. Lane was turned over to them and Agents Bryce, Shanahan, and myself went into two or three taverns in the neighborhood looking for the other two, but could find no trace of them. We then all returned to the office with Lane in custody. Lane was questioned concerning places these other two men might be, he having identified them as John Jackson, the man in the derby, and Charley Mitchell, the man who had carried the bag from the tavern.

Having obtained two or three addresses where these parties might be, I accompanied Agents O'Mahoney, Shanahan, Bryce, and Vandover, and Deputy Sheriff Galloway to these spots, but the men were not located. We then returned to the office and were dismissed, it now being about three o'clock in the morning.

Respectfully submitted,

V. I. PARRY
Special Agent

VIP:BN
7-37

Kansas City, Missouri
February 24, 1935

Bryce

MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

RE: BREKID

The following memorandum is submitted in accordance with instructions from Acting Special Agent in Charge W. E. Miller, with reference to my activities on the evening of February 22, 1935.

About 10 p.m., February 22, 1935, Agent Miller, Acting Special Agent in Charge, called me at my hotel room, Pickwick Hotel, and stated that two men had left the apartment which had been under our surveillance at 4915 Troost, for the purpose of apprehending John Doe, alias Leo, stating that a deputy sheriff had followed these people from 4915 Troost to 3407 Troost, where he now was watching these men from his car. Agent Miller advised that I pick up all available Agents to accompany me to 3407 Troost Street. Agent Scott, who lives at the Pickwick Hotel, and I went to the Professional Garage, got a Bureau automobile, and drove to the home of Agent Clary, where he was waiting for us, having been called by telephone and told to be ready to go with us. We immediately drove from Agent Clary's home, which is in the vicinity of 3407 Troost, to the 3407 Troost Street address, but we failed to locate any deputy sheriff in that vicinity. After cruising the streets for a few minutes, we drove back to 3407 Troost Street and looked this place over carefully, not seeing anyone there that looked like a deputy sheriff. We then drove to 4915 Troost Street, the apartment where Leo was supposed to have resided, and his apartment was found to be dark. We then drove back to 3407 Troost Street and parked the Bureau car some distance from 3407, and went into this saloon, sitting down at one of the tables, and in order to not arouse suspicion, each ordered a glass of beer. While we were sitting at this table, Agent Shanahan came into the place, and sat down at the bar. He did not openly recognize Agent Shanahan, but when he left this saloon I immediately followed him out on the street, and Agent Shanahan informed me that Agent Perry and a deputy sheriff by the name of Calloway were parked across the street in another Bureau automobile. We crossed the street to where Agent Perry and the deputy sheriff were waiting in the car, and Agent Shanahan and I got into this Bureau car and were talking about what should be done as to making either of these men for Leo. During the conversation that was held there, we decided that if anyone could positively identify any men in this saloon as being Leo, we would arrest him and all that accompanied him from the saloon. While we were discussing this matter, a man and woman came from the front of 3407 Troost; the woman was carrying a suitcase, and both crossed the street and walked past the car that we were sitting in. The deputy sheriff then made the statement that that looked like the suitcase that he saw two men carry from 4915 Troost earlier in the evening, but that it was not the men that carried the suitcase from the building. After passing the car we were sitting in, this unknown

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man ducked into an alley. We turned the car around and drove past the woman, and, the man not being with her, drove on by around the block, back in the vicinity of 3407, where Agent Shanahan and I were going to walk around the block to see if we could apprehend and question the man that was seen to leave 3407 with the woman. As we turned off Troost Street on to 33rd, a man passed us, who we decided was the man that had passed with the woman a few minutes before. We walked past this man with the intention of letting him go to the saloon and contact the other men that he had been with in there, and then picking up all of the men at the same time, for questioning. This man knocked on the door of 3407 Troost, and immediately broke into a run, going south on Troost Street. There was another man that followed him, who had run out of the saloon door at 3407, going in the same direction. As we ran across the street, another man came out of 3407 and started after the other two. He was stopped and held for questioning by Agent Shanahan. We immediately handcuffed this man and put him in one of the Bureau-owned Buicks, in custody of Agents Scott and Clary and the deputy sheriff. Agents Shanahan, Farry and I searched the vicinity for the other two men, who had turned in through a taxi stand in the 3400 block on Troost. These men we failed to find. Upon questioning the suspect that had been picked up by Agent Shanahan, we found him to be Russell "Spike" Lane, a well known gangster of this city, and an ex-convict from Leavenworth Penitentiary. He had in his possession one .45 caliber Colt pistol in an overcoat pocket. We brought Lane to this office. We further questioned him until 4:30 a.m., when he was turned over to the local authorities at the Sheriff's office, and he is now being held on a charge of carrying concealed weapons by the County Sheriff.

The cause of the delay and the reason that these men were not arrested at 3407 Troost, were that no one knew Leo or had other than a meager description of Leo and the man accompanying him. It was our intention at first to follow one of the men that was seen to come from 4918 Troost Street, after he left the saloon, to a hotel or apartment house where he was living, and to later raid this residence for the purpose of apprehending all of the boys that were connected with Leo and this man and that were known to associate with Leo. Rather than creating a lot of excitement and publicity by picking these persons up in the saloon at 3407 Troost Street, we decided that it would be better to wait until they left this place before placing them under arrest. This was a matter of discussion when the first man left 3407 with the woman, and later returned and knocked on the door and ran.

It also appears desirable to add that the saloon in question was being well patronized by a holiday crowd, and due to the apparent character of the place and its patrons and our doubtful identification of any of the patrons, it was deemed unwise to question any of the parties in the place.

As previously stated, these matters were being discussed with Deputy Sheriff Calloway at the time the man and woman left the place, carrying the suitcase. Mr. Calloway stated that this was not one of the two men he had seen leave the apartment building which was believed to be Leo's place of residence, at 4915 Troost, and that he had never seen this man around that apartment building, it being noted that Mr. Calloway resides in the adjacent building. Under these circumstances, as the man and woman carrying the suitcase left the saloon, there followed considerable discussion as to whether the man should be stopped. Mr. Calloway's failure to identify this man as having been seen around 4915 Troost resulted in some delay, until it was finally decided that no harm could be done by stopping the man, as by that time he had progressed far enough that he could be stopped without Agents' actions being seen by parties in the saloon from which he had just come. The man's suspicions apparently had been aroused in some way, as he immediately left the woman and started to run when we finally decided to follow him and question him. During our discussions of the procedure to be followed, we considered the probability that Leo would return to the address at 4915 Troost Street if nothing was done to create any suspicion, whereas if we questioned any of his associates who had just come from that place, but failed to find Leo, the information would reach Leo and he would then stay away from the apartment address mentioned.

Respectfully submitted,

D. A. BRYCE
Special Agent

DAB:BN
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Kansas City, Missouri
February 24th, 1935.

Clary
Re: Brekid case

MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE:

Pursuant to oral request, submit herewith memorandum covering my activities on Friday, February 22nd, 1935, in connection with attempts to apprehend one "Leo".

Shortly before 10 PM, Friday, February 22, 1935, night clerk Master of the Kansas City Bureau office phoned my apartment. I was unable to answer the phone due to the fact that at that time I was taking a bath. My room-mate Special Agent B. P. Cruise talked with Master and informed me that Special Agent D. A. Bryce would pick me up in about ten minutes, that the occupants of the apartment near 49th and Troost were moving out.

At this point it is noted that earlier in the week this agent had assisted in the surveillance of an apartment located at 4915 Troost, Kansas City, Mo. It was the understanding of this agent that this apartment was rented by one Mitchell; that information concerning the location of this apartment was obtained from Jess Doyle and/or Edna Murray; that it was supposedly the "hang-out" of one Leo, who had harbored Volney Davis and Edna Murray; that it was desired to arrest the present occupants of this apartment in case they attempted to move out of this apartment.

In approximately ten or fifteen minutes, the writer was picked up in a Division Buick driven by Special Agent D. A. Bryce who was also accompanied by Special Agent W. O. Scott. We then proceeded to 34th and Troost St. and parked the car on Troost Street facing south. Special Agent Bryce then went to a beer tavern located at 3407 Troost St. in an endeavor to locate a deputy sheriff who was supposed to be watching this place. Special Agent Bryce was unsuccessful in locating this man and returned to the car.

Special Agent Scott, who is acquainted with Deputy Sheriff Kelley and other deputies, then entered this beer tavern in an effort to locate the deputy, while Special Agent Bryce and the writer waited outside. While waiting outside, a man (who had never been seen before by the writer) was observed leaving. Special Agent Bryce informed the writer that he was going to "tail" this man, and instructed that the Bureau car be driven around the corner and parked on the south side of Armour Boulevard near Troost. The man had walked south Troost and Special Agent Bryce followed him in that direction.

Shortly thereafter, Special Agent Scott came out and stated that he had found none of the deputies within. The writer then drove the Bureau car to the location designated by Special Agent Bryce and parked. Special Agent Scott remained in the car with the motor running, while this agent

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walked back to the corner of Troost and Armour Blvd. with the idea in mind to keep Special Agent Bryce in sight in case he had further instructions or would wish the car quickly. After about ten minutes he returned to the car stating that the man had taken a taxi and gone north. We drove to Linwood and Tracy, which, in the opinion of Special Agent Bryce was the destination to which this cab was going. Upon reaching this point, the cab was not in sight. We then drove past the apartment at 4915 Troost Street and found that it was dark.

Special Agent Bryce then decided we should return to the beer tavern at 3407 Troost Ave. The Bureau car was parked on Troost facing north approximately one hundred feet south of the beer tavern. Special Agent Scott, who had been driving, locked the car and kept the keys. Upon entering this place, it was found that the most practical place for observation was a small table situated in back of a pillar towards the rear of the tavern. From this position, it was possible for one of the three of us to observe activities in all parts of the front of the tavern.

It was thought possible that we might find it necessary to remain in this place for sometime. We, therefore, ordered a glass of beer as an excuse for remaining. We observed the occupants casually, in an indifferent and impersonal manner so as to avoid attracting any attention.

We arrived at this place shortly before 11 PM. In a few minutes, Special Agent R. P. Shanahan was observed to enter the tavern. We did not speak to him or make any sign of recognition. After a few minutes Special Agent Shanahan left. Special Agent Bryce told Special Agent Scott and the writer where he was going - to talk with Shanahan - and that we were to remain where we were until he returned.

During the time this agent was in the beer tavern there were possibly fifty people there drinking and dancing. Incidentally, any number of the men were of the type who might have been the ones we were looking for. At this point, it is noted that neither Special Agent Scott nor the writer had ever seen the man supposed to be "Leo" and had only a general description of him and his associates.

About 11:30 PM, Special Agent Scott saw Special Agent Bryce outside signal for us to come out. He stated that "all three of them are in the cafe down the street and we are going to pick them up". Special Agent Bryce instructed Special Agent Scott and the writer to turn the car and bring it up in front of the El Trovatore Cafe. This was done. As soon as we arrived, Agents Bryce and Shanahan brought out a subject (later identified as "Spike" Lane) who was placed in the rear seat of the Bureau car after being searched for concealed weapons. His overcoat was placed in the rear seat and he was seated on his coat. Handcuffs were immediately placed on Lane by Special Agent Scott. Shortly thereafter, Deputy Sheriff Calloway - who had entered the car and was sitting in the rear seat with Lane - discovered Lane reaching under him, and upon investigating, found

a loaded .45 Colt revolver in Lane's overcoat pocket. This was taken away from him by Deputy Sheriff Calloway.

It was learned from Special Agents Bryce and Shanahan that two other men, one of whom was supposed to be "Leo" had eluded capture. At no time did this agent encounter or see anyone who appeared to be running or attempting to escape. However, it is noted that the escapes were accomplished at or near the Il Trovatore Cafe which is approximately one-half block from the tavern in which this agent and Special Agent Scott were placed.

While in the beer tavern a man with a light felt hat was observed near the front end of the bar. Special Agent Bryce indicated that he thought this man might be "Leo" but he was not sure. The writer, from his position, could not observe this person continuously. It was observed that the man later arrested as Spike Lane did talk to this man with the gray hat, as did several other men. Later in the evening a man and woman were observed leaving this place with a large handbag. In conversation afterwards with Deputy Sheriff Calloway, it was learned that this man and woman were the ones in question and that the man was the one who had left the apartment with Spike Lane. However, it is noted at this point that neither Special Agent Scott or the writer had the benefit of Deputy Sheriff Calloway's information at the time we were in the beer tavern. Neither was it known, until after the arrest had been made, that Spike Lane was a subject in this investigation.

Spike Lane informed this agent while being interviewed at the Kansas City Bureau office, that the man with the gray hat with whom he talked at the tavern was Mitchell - the renter of the apartment at 4915 Troost St., Kansas City, Mo.

Spike Lane was taken to the Kansas City Division office in the Bureau car and was there interviewed by other agents. Special Agent W. E. Miller and I remained with Lane while the remaining agents made further investigation at address secured from Lane. During this time, the writer made an inventory of personal property found in Lane's possession, and the information set forth above was secured.

Respectfully submitted,

V. R. Clary
Special Agent

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
1900 Bankers Building
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

CHARGE

WM. LARSON
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
907 FEDERAL BUILDING
DETROIT, MICHIGAN

MARCH 1, 1935

BREXID INVESTIGATION DISCLOSES CARL K. HART REPUTABLE CITIZEN WITH GOOD STANDING
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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
Post Office Box 4907
Jacksonville, Florida

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March 2, 1935

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir: RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE - I.O. 1218;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases - I. O. 1232;
HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases - FUGITIVE - I.O.1236;
VOLNEY DAVIS with aliases - FUGITIVE - I.O. 1237;
WILLIAM WEAVER with aliases - I. O. 1238;
WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases - I. O. 1239;
HARRY SAWYER with aliases - I. O. 1240; et al
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

Reference is made to the Jacksonville Office letter to the Bureau on February 19, 1935, showing the situation in the Dade County Jail at Miami, Florida, where Dolores De Laney and Wynona Burdette have been incarcerated.

Please be advised that Special Agent B. F. Fitzsimons advised me today that Federal Judge Halsted Ritter at Miami, had signed an order today for the removal of these two women to the Duval County Jail at Jacksonville. When they are transferred by the Marshal, the Bureau will be promptly advised.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt

R. A. Alt
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Saint Paul
E. J. Connelley - Chicago

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U. S. Department of Justice

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. #1232;
HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. #1236;
VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases, I.O. #1237, et al
Edward George Bremer, Victim,
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Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Backus.....
Mr. Baughman.....
Chief Clerk.....
Mr. Clegg.....
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Mr. Keith.....
Mr. Lester.....
Mr. Quinn.....
Mr. Schilder.....
Mr. Smith.....
Mr. Tamm.....

During the week ending February 16, 1935, Edna Murray and Jess Doyle, who were taken into custody at Pittsburg and Girard, Kansas, respectively, on February 7, 1935, were turned over to the U. S. Marshal on February 10, 1935, for removal to St. Paul, Minnesota. Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Stanley, brother and sister-in-law of Edna Murray, are being held at Topeka, Kansas, on charges of harboring.

On February 12, 1935, Nathan Heller returned from Cuba to Miami, Florida, where he was taken into custody by the U. S. Marshal. The original bond of \$2,500.00 was reduced on February 13, 1935, to \$1,000.00, which bond has not yet been made by Heller. Cassius McDonald is being held in default of \$25,000.00 bond and reports from the Jacksonville Office indicate that McDonald is becoming worried over the possibility of a successful prosecution against him.

Bruno Putas, alias Bruno Austin, Chicago, Illinois Police Department No. C-49140, has been found to be identical with "Whitie", named in the conspiracy indictment. Putas is presently in the custody of the Chicago Police Department.

On February 14, 1935, Matt Gleason was arraigned before the United States Commissioner at Chicago, Illinois, on charges of harboring Volney Davis at Aurora, Illinois, February 6th and 7th, 1935. The hearing was continued to February 21, 1935 and Gleason was held under bond of \$2,000.00.

The Thompson machine gun, No. 7679, found in the apartment of Arthur R. Barker, has been traced through the records of the Auto Ordnance Company, New York, to South St. Paul, Minnesota, (Police Department), where it was stolen from one of the officers on August 30, 1933, during the hold-up of the Stock Yards National Bank.

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Respectfully,

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March 2, 1935

E. J. Connelley
Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Post Office Box 818
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE - I.O. 1218;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases - I.O. 1232;
HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases - FUGITIVE - I.O. 1236;
VOLNEY DAVIS with aliases - FUGITIVE - I.O. 1237;
WILLIAM WEAVER with aliases - I.O. 1238;
WILLIAM J. HARRISON - with aliases - I.O. 1239;
HARRY SAWYER with aliases - I. O. 1240; et al
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

Reference is made to your circular letter of February 14, 1935, to all Bureau Offices enclosing photostatic copies of the application made by Volney Davis under the alias George Lawrence Harper to "The Get Acquainted Correspondence Club" of Denver, Colorado, to which letter there was attached a photostatic copy of the list of ladies' names forwarded to Volney Davis by the Club.

The only one of these ladies residing within the district of this office is recorded in the list as Miss Beatrice Dellus, Box 1897, Miami, Florida. Please be advised that Special Agent (A) R. L. Tollett on February 25, 1935, contacted Beatrice Dellus, who is identical with Beatrice Dellus. This woman is a romance-seeking practical nurse and stated during the interview that she is a member of the "Get Acquainted Correspondence Club" of Denver Colorado, and had received some letters from male members of said Club, but had never received a letter from G. L. Harper or G. L. Sawyer.

Zane Dellus, elder sister of Beatrice, is a graduate nurse and more sober-minded. She can always be reached through the Dade County Nurses Exchange, 718 Florida National Bank Building, Miami. She stated that her sister, Beatrice, was always in contact

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with her and she would immediately notify the Jacksonville Office if any one by the name of Harper or Haysar communicated with Beatrice, or if any one of Volney Davis' description communicated with or called on Beatrice in Miami. Zane Dellus was furnished with an identification order on Volney Davis.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt
Special Agent in Charge.

CC Bureau
Saint Paul

P.O. Drawer 567
San Francisco, California.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
P.O. Box 2118,
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Sir: Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218.
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. #1232.
HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. #1235.
VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases, I.O. #1237.
WILLIAM KAVIR, with aliases, I.O. #1236.
PHILIP HARRISON, with aliases, I.O. #1237.
HARRY GAYN, with aliases, I.O. #1240.
MYRTLE EATON, with aliases, I.O. #1241, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim. KIDNAPING.

Confirming your letter of February 26, 1935, and telegram dated February 27, 1935, with reference to the heavy black coat mailed to 3547 Sabina Street, San Francisco, California.

A discreet investigation was made relative to this street, and it was found that there is no such street as Sabina Street either in San Francisco, Oakland, Alameda, Berkeley, or San Leandro. Both the city and telephone directories were searched, which failed to reflect either a street named Sabina Street, or the name E. Bornd.

However, there is a street by the name of Sabia Place, in this city, which is a short street beginning at 738 California Street, and running approximately three-quarters of a block. This being located in the heart of Chinatown, it is thought that this is not the street referred to by you.

It is suggested that your office make further inquiry as to the correct name and address of the street to which this coat was shipped, and notify this office.

Very truly yours,

cc. Bureau.
cc. St. Paul.
cc. Chicago.
cc. E. J. Connelley.

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E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box 515,
Saint Paul, Minnesota

February 28, 1935.

Hon. George F. Sullivan,
United States Attorney,
Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,
I.O. 1218, FUG; ARTHUR R.
BARKER, with aliases; VOLNEY
DAVIS, with aliases, FUG.
I.O. 1237; HARRY CAMPBELL, with
aliases, I.O. 1236; DR. JOSEPH
P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O.
1232; et al. EDWARD GEORGE
BREMER, Victim. KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February
27, 1935, in which you request certain specific investigations in
captioned case.

Please be advised that these matters have been put
in line for immediate attention and copies of the reports will
be submitted to your office.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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CC Bureau
R.J. Connelley, Cgo.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE
ONE

Post Office Box 515,
Saint Paul, Minnesota

February 28, 1935

Mr. E. J. Connelley,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 829,
Chicago, Ill.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
I.O. 1218, FUG; ARTHUR R.
BARKER, with aliases; VOLNEY
DAVIS, with aliases, FUG. I.O.
1237; HARRY CAMPBELL, with
aliases, I.O. 1236; DR. JOSEPH P.
MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232;
et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER,
Victim. KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto you will find two copies of a
letter from Honorable George F. Sullivan, United States Attorney,
St. Paul, Minnesota, addressed to the St. Paul Bureau Office re-
questing additional investigation in captioned case.

Will you please have the necessary investigation
conducted in the Chicago district as requested by Mr. Sullivan?

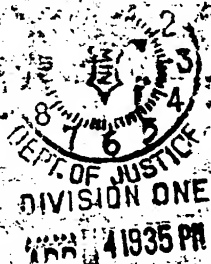
Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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P. O. BOX 1155,
OMAHA, NEBRASKA

February 18, 1935

Mr. E. J. Connelley,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
P. O. Box 689,
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:-

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases, I.O. #1218,
Fugitive; Harry Campbell, with aliases,
I.O. #1236; Volney Davis, with aliases,
I.O. #1237; Dr. Joseph P. Moran, with
aliases, I.O. #1232; Harry Sawyer, with
aliases, I.O. #1240; William Weaver, with
aliases, I.O. #1238; William J. Harrison,
with aliases, I.O. #1239; Myrtle Eaton,
with aliases, I.O. #1241; et al.
Edward George Bremer, Victim. KIDNAPING

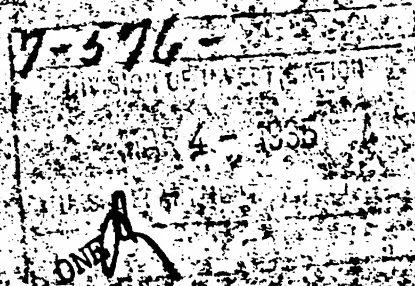
I have before me the Protective Bulletin of the
American Bankers Association, for February, 1935, which carries
photographs of Alvin Karpis and one Harry Campbell.

Please be advised that the photograph of Campbell
appearing therein does not appear to be the Harry Campbell in-
volved in the Bremer Kidnaping. This is called to your attention
for your information.

Very truly yours,

WERNER HARTY,
Special Agent in Charge

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CC St. Paul
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Room 4729 3-5 1935.
Phones 560 & 53.

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_____ Files Section
_____ Supervisor _____
_____ Chief Clerk
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_____ Mr. Lester
✓ _____ Mr. Newby *MA*

We do not receive this, and Foxworth
says he does not.

Edgar Backus.

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
FROM: UNIT #1 & UNIT #3

3-4-1935.

TO: ☐ Director
☐ Mr. Nathan
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Supervisor.

POST OFFICE BOX 829,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

March 1, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir: In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 1218;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O.
1232; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O.
1236; VOLNEY DAVIS with aliases, I.O.
1237; WILLIAM LEAVER with aliases, I.O.
1238; WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases,
I.O. 1239; HARRY PATTER with aliases,
I.O. 1240; MYRTLE EATON with aliases,
I.O. 1241; et al - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER,
Victim - KIDNAPING - CHICAGO FILE No. 7-82

It will be appreciated if you will confer with the United States Attorney at St. Paul to determine the date of the trial in the above mentioned case at St. Paul. This information is particularly desired at this time in order that this office may have sufficient time in which to cover all remaining leads and to assist in the preparation of a summary report. You are advised that it is my intention that an Agent of this office will collaborate with an Agent of the St. Paul office in the preparation of a summary report and it is necessary that the approximate trial date be learned in order that a summary report may be in the hands of the United States Attorney at St. Paul in ample time for a careful examination prior to trial.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.
(Special Assignment)

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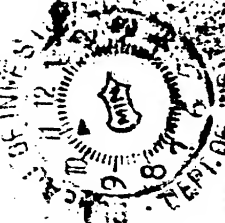
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POST OFFICE BOX 812
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

March 1, 1935

Hon. Dwight H. Green,
United States Attorney
United States Courthouse,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

In connection with the case entitled United States versus Ford V 8 coupe, 1934 model, motor number 18-775269, docket case number 43560, I am returning herewith a copy of the petition, and also a copy of the order, in which it is decreed that Ford V 8 coupe, 1934 model, motor number 18-775269 be declared to be owned by the United States of America as against all persons excepting the true owner thereof, and that said car was to be delivered and retained by the Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice.

Copies of the petition and order were loaned to Special Agent V.W. Peterson of this office, in order that photostatic copies might be made of same.

Your cooperation in loaning said papers to this office is deeply appreciated.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,

Special Agent in Charge.
(Special Assignment)

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Post Office Box 4907
Jacksonville, Florida

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March 2, 1935

United States Marshal
Jacksonville
Florida

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Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases -
FUGITIVE - I.O. 1218; et al
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

On February 24, 1935, the attached
letter addressed to Dolores Delaney, Post Office Box
4907, Jacksonville, Florida, was received at this of-
fice. It is being forwarded to you for delivery to
Delaney who is presently confined in the Dade County
Jail at Miami, Florida, as a Federal prisoner.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt
Special Agent in Charge.

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E. J. Connelley - Chicago
Saint Paul

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POST OFFICE BOX 812
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS



Ernest J. Krueger,
Postmaster,
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Will you kindly place a thirty-day search all first class mail
delivered to E. W. O'BRIEN, 97 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Tracings obtained from the above should be forwarded to this
office marked for the attention of file number 7-82.

Your cooperation in this connection will be highly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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H. H. Clegg

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Richard B. B.
Edward B. B.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 23, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I. O. #1218 -
FUGITIVE; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases,
I. O. #1232; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases,
I. O. #1236; VOLNEY DAVIS with aliases,
I. O. #1237, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER -
Victim; Kidnaping

During the week ending February 23, 1935 the developments were the release of Nathan Heller on February 19, 1935 under \$1,000 cash bond at Miami, Florida; and

The Detroit office has ascertained the 1935 registration license plates issued to Charles Fitzgerald, which are believed to be presently on the Buick Club Sedan in which he is driving around the country with his paramour, Belle Born. Efforts will be made to locate Fitzgerald with a view to placing him under surveillance and in that manner locate the remaining members of the Barker-Karpis gang.

Respectfully,

R. E. Newby.

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